

## THE COMMONWEALTH.

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It appears now that President Taft will veto the wool bill if it should pass both houses of Congress.

If you can do nothing else why talk for good roads. Every word said in their favor helps that much. Let us all agitate.

Let the next State and National Democratic Convention make their platforms so plain that there can be no possible chance for us to misconstrue them.

The reassessment of railroad property in North Carolina just completed by the Corporation Commission shows an increase of \$28,449,569. The total assessment is raised from \$86,780,115 to \$115,229,684.

The Nebraska Democratic State Convention evidently side-tracked Col. William J. Bryan—his name was not mentioned a single time during the entire convention. Wonder what Mr. Bryan said to himself.

We note that Hon. C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte, again declares that he will not be a candidate for governor to succeed Governor Kitchin. This second denial ought to be sufficient for the politicians to let him alone.

The cotton bill reported by the Democratic Ways and Means committee is especially designed to benefit the women and children of the country, there being a reduction of more than 45 per cent. on nearly every item in the cotton bill used by them.

It is now up to Canada as to what will be done with the reciprocity agreement. The Canadian parliament has been in a deadlock over the question and it appears they will not be able to agree and in that case another election will be held and a new parliament elected and if this is done the people will have an opportunity to register their will for or against the measure.

The "Interurban Edition" of the Charlotte Observer issued Wednesday of last week was a great edition and deserves to be preserved for the information it contained about the Piedmont country of the Carolinas and showing the line of the proposed interurban road from Greenwood, S. C., to Durham, N. C., a distance of about three hundred miles. The special edition contained 88 pages in addition to the regular edition of that day.

A report sent out from Washington, D. C., by E. C. Snyder, a well known newspaper correspondent says:

"The Smith family is doing its duty by Congress and now has nine men in the House and Senate. Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, is the latest addition to the Smiths. He joins William Alden Smith, of Michigan; Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, and John Walter Smith, of Maryland, in the Senate. The House has five Smiths. They are Charles B. Smith, of New York; J. M. C. Smith, of the same state; Sylvester C. Smith, of California, and William R. Smith, of Texas. Michigan is liberal with her Smiths, and has furnished the Sixty-second Congress with one Senator and two representatives."

### London Has a Rival.

We understood that a farmer living not many miles from town was putting out soda in his crop a few days ago, and while passing to the field passed a mud hole in which he noticed a number of tadpoles, and he decided to see what effect a little soda would have on them, so he tossed a little soda into the hole and waited a few moments, and to his surprise they were full grown frogs, it is said, in fifteen minutes, and went hopping off.—Dunn Guide.

## CASTORIA

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## SNAKES SWALLOW COW'S HORNS.

Both Die Thus Impaled and are Taken Home by the Cow.

If you could have seen the bulge on Sheriff Dudley's eyes when one of his cows came home with a large black snake dangling from each horn, you would have seen almost as great a sight as that of the snakes.

The sheriff runs a large dairy and has a number of cows. One of them is an old cow with extra long, slender horns, and this was the cow that brought in the snakes, which had evidently attempted to swallow her horns, making a partial success, though still a fatal failure.

An after thought presented a possible solution. That was about the following: That morning this cow had gored an old rooster that persisted in eating with her. That left the smell of chicken on her horns. Some black snakes are extra fond of chicken. Therefore, finding the smell of chicken in the air, the snakes proceeded to investigate, tracing it to the cow, which must have been lying down asleep, when they mistook her horns for something akin to chicken and proceeded with the swallowing act. Each snake took a separate horn. When the swallowing act had been so far completed that the snakes' mouths reached the cow's head, there was a halt, and owing to the formation of snakes' mouths' especially for the swallowing act, there was no escape for the snakes but to stay there and die. There must have been considerable squirming and a scared cow, though she was apparently unconscious of her unusual adornment when she reached home that evening. They had to be cut off the cow's horns. The snakes were evidently mates, and in death they were nigh together.—Greenville Reflector.

Brother Whichard has won the mendacity medal on the first trial. But speaking about snake stories it reminds us of one that we heard some days ago. Two king snakes met in the road and tried to swallow each other by starting at each other's tail, and when they completed the job there was nothing left of either snake—each had swallowed the other.—Editor.

### Enfield vs. Scotland Neck.

The big game of base ball that had been so vividly advertised and so generally talked of, was pulled off at the ball park Monday, but Enfield brought over an aggregation that was more than a match for the locals, and our boys went down in defeat to the tune of a great big 0.

Lane, the imported pitcher for the home team, was batted all over the field, and the visitors had the game entirely in their own hands until about the fifth inning, when Armistead went in the box. Then the Enfielders were checked, but they had already won the game, and there was nothing to be done but hold them in check, which was admirably done by the locals. C. Lanier, for the visitors, pitched fine ball and our boyshave not failed to highly compliment his good work.

It is to be hoped that the next time Enfield's ball team comes this way Scotland Neck will get together an aggregation that will at least give the visitors a little entertainment.

The score: R. H. E.  
Scot. Neck.....000 000 000—0 2 4  
Enfield.....000 500 000—5 4 4  
Batteries: Lane, Armistead and Daniel; C. Lanier and Taylor. Umpire, Mills. Attendance, 150. Time, 1:45.

### Wolves in Sheep's Clothing.

The Gastonia Gazette carried a disgusting story last week about the unknown tongue people, wolves in sheep's clothing, who are out in an effort to deceive the very Elect itself, who are holding forth in the suburbs of that city. If the story carried by the Gazette be true, (and we do not doubt its truthfulness) those engaged in the beastly proceeding deserve to be either in the penitentiary or the insane asylum. It seems strange that in this age of education and Christianity that our people will be led away by such bosh. There are people throughout this land who never attend service at their own church but who become perfectly crazed over the damnable doctrine of some human hyena who preaches some new wonderful doctrine. These preachers are interested, not in the salvation of souls, but in the gratification of fleshly lust and greed. They are taking from our people their hard earned money and are giving in return insanity, family dissensions and debased moral characters. Wherever they hold forth they burst the church assunder, set husband against wife and brother against brother and leave the community polluted with sin. It is time our people wake up to the iniquitous designs of these people and endeavor to put a stop to their work of destruction.—Hickory Times-Mercury.

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Mention Made of Many Important News Items About the Capital City.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—The first formal action by the Tobacco Trust, looking toward readjusting the American Tobacco Company following the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court was taken Thursday in the appointment of committees to represent the senior securities and to co-operate with the managers in the work of reorganization. The company has until December 29 to readjust or dissolve its business and it is safe to say that its readjustment plan is well under way.

Thursday the Senate passed the Underwood Wool bill with Senator La Follette's amendment. The Senate had defeated the House bill and the La Follette bill when Senator La Follette offered his amended bill, which was passed by a vote of 48 to 32, the Democrats voting solidly and all the Republican insurgents except Senators Dixon and Borah. This amendment places the duty on raw wool at 35 per cent. as against 20 per cent by the House bill. It is thought that a compromise will be effected and when the bill emerges from conference the duty will be fixed at 30 per cent. It was a great victory for the Democrats and their insurgent allies as the prediction had been freely made by the standard Republicans that the bill would be defeated, as a consequence the stand-patters are dumfounded and bewildered at their overthrow. When the bill goes to the President for signature he will be placed in the dilemma of defeat for renomination if he does not sign it or of going against his own recommendation that the tariff board's report be waited for if he does sign it. Any way the President is placed in an awkward position. All honor to those insurgent Republican Senators who aided the Democrats to pass the bill.

President Taft's message to Congress on the Controller Bay, Alaska, imbroglio has aroused much interest in view of the fact that for mer President Roosevelt has recently, in the Outlook, criticised the President for opening up the Controller Bay section and allowing the Guggenheim (through Ryan) interests to monopolize the land in question. The President defended his course by saying "the rights of public were thought to be sufficiently safeguarded against monopoly of harbor facilities under the limitations of the statute." Ex-Chief Forrester, Gifford Pinchot, does not take the view the President does nor is he satisfied with the explanation, for he says that "the President's defense of his course in the Controller Bay affair shows how hard it is to make a good excuse for a bad mistake," and "in spite of all explanations, the fact remains that the President, in opening the lands around Controller Bay without notice to the public, has given the interests behind Ryan an opportunity to acquire the key to the channel of Controller Bay before the public knew what was going on. The public will agree with Mr. Roosevelt that these terminal lands ought to have been kept in the public hands."

The steel wire and other manufacturing concerns with headquarters in New York, recently convicted in the United States Circuit Court, of New York, of having been members of the corporations and who were found guilty under the Sherman law of being in restraint of trade, have, many of them, set up the plea of nolle contendere and been fined \$1,000 each. The judges err in fining such people as these and the fines will not act as deterrents. If it is really intended to put a stop to their illegal practices a term in jail will accomplish what fines never will. What do they care for a fine of a thousand or so dollars? Absolutely nothing.

OBSERVER.

### Palmyra News.

Palmyra, N. C., July 24.—Mrs. J. P. Jackson and daughter, Miss Katherine, of Washington, N. C., enroute to Virginia Beach stopped over Tuesday and spent the day with her brother, W. R. Roberson. Mr. R. E. Roberson spent a few days in Rocky Mount last week on business.

Miss Hattie Everett is spending a few days at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. C. H. Roberson spent Sunday with her mother and father in Martin County.

Miss Gladis Beckwith, of Greenville, Miss. Blanche Nicholson, of Bath, Va., are visiting Miss Sallie Baker.

Mr. W. R. Roberson left Monday for Norfolk to enter Doris-Wagner Business College.

Miss Sallie Vann, of Newport News, is the guest of Mrs. Justus Everett.

Miss Mary Williams and Mr. S. D. Williams, of Raleigh, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Justus Everett.

## HOME AND EDUCATION.

The Mother, The Child and The School Important Subjects.

All club women, mothers and teachers will read with interest the expression of opinion given below from the pen of Mrs. R. R. Cotten, president North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs:

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"MRS. ROBT. R. COTTEN,  
President N. C. Federation of Woman's Clubs."

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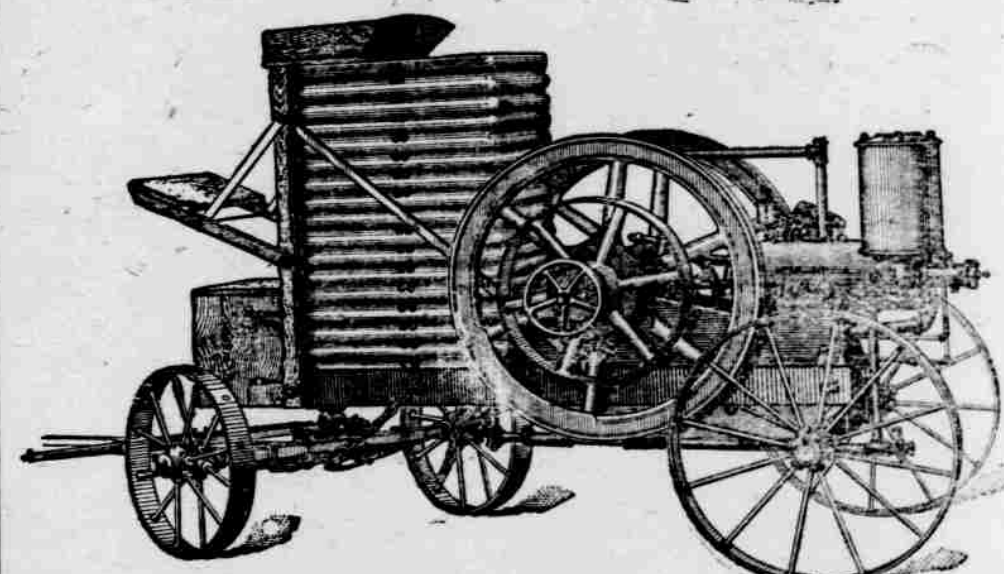
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